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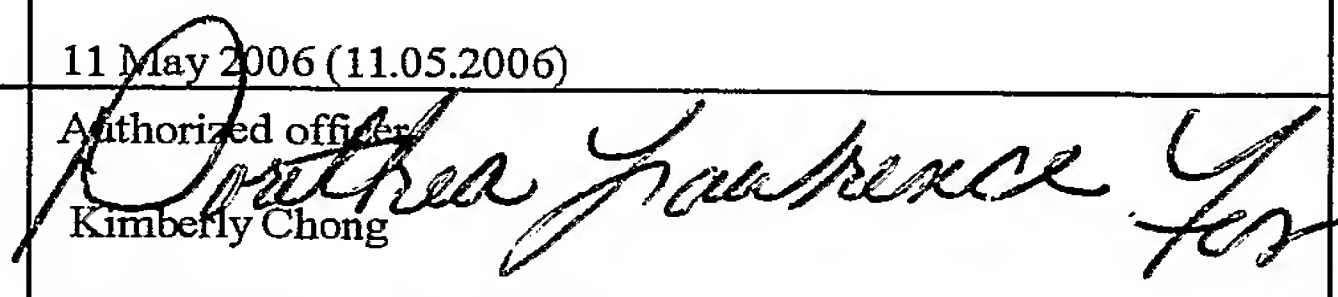
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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Applicant ARGOS THERAPEUTICS, INC.		
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-48 as originally filed/furnished
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- ☒ the claims:
pages 49-53 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1-7 as originally filed/furnished
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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/figs NONE
- ☒ the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE
- ☒ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.
PCT/US04/39535**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-45</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>5, 19, 38-39</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-4,7-18,20-37 and 40-45</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-45</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-4, 7-18, 20-37, 40-45 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Nair et al. in view of Xu et al. Nair et al. teach a method of transfection an antigen presenting dendritic cell with at least on mRNA (see column 8, lines 58-68). Nair et al. does not teach transfection the antigen presenting cell with a sense oriented mRNA and a method of generating sense oriented mRNA. Xu et al. teach a method of generating and amplifying sense strand mRNA using a T7 promoter from any biological sample (see Figure 2 and paragraph 0023).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to make sense oriented mRNA as taught by Xu et al. and use in the method of transfection antigen presenting cells as taught by Nair et al.

Claims 5, 19 and 38-39 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2) and (3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention.

One would have been motivated to use the amplified sense oriented mRNA as taught by Xu et al. because Xu et al. teach sense oriented mRNA prepared using this method provides a higher quality mRNA population of sequences that are more representative of the mRNA population pool for the original sample. Additionally, one would have been motivated to use this sense oriented mRNA in the method to transfect because the method taught by Xu et al. provides a high quality RNA that is more representative of the sample RNA that would be useful for a vaccine or therapeutic as taught by Nair et al.

Finally, one would have had a reasonable expectation of success because Xu et al. teach successful generation and amplification of sense oriented mRNA and Nair et al. teach an efficient method of transfection of antigen presenting cells using said transcribed RNA.

Thus, the invention would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Claims 1-45 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.